

Jeff S. Jordan, Supervisory Attorney

Complaint MUR 6557

Dear Federal Election Commission:

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COUNSEL

I am writing this letter in response to your letter I received on April 30, 2012 regarding complaint MUR 6557 which was filed against me. This complaint has no merit since I have not contributed one dollar or any In Kind donations to any currently running Federal or State Candidates. The allegations are false and are being used to question my integrity while I am running for the position of County Sheriff. Since I have been running for this office I have submitted all my donations and expenditures in the proper format that is required by state law. I have submitted them to the County Clerk on time and have not withheld any information regarding my spending reports. I have run my campaign with integrity and openness and to have three people say I donated funds to another campaign is false and very misleading.

Here is a little history on the piece in question. I was asked if I would accept the endorsement of the Reagan Republicans of Kootenai County. I said "yes" and thanked them for their vote of confidence. I was offered a slate piece that had the Reagan Republicans endorsements on it and asked if I liked what was presented under my name and the picture. I agreed and thanked them once again. I never said I endorse the other Federal or State Candidates that they have chosen. I feel it was their Boards decision regarding the endorsements for which the group would like to support. The Reagan Republicans explained to me that they would be mailing this piece to many supporters that follow them in the county. I asked for the cost of this so I could document this In Kind donation on the State required form. I received the information on May 1, 2012 in the amount of \$587.26 which I declared on the In Kind donation form that the State required. This form was due May 8, 2012 to the County Clerk in my disclosure packet. The information was documented per requirement by State Law and was never a donation to a Federal or State Candidate from me personally or from my county campaign.

I am asking that the Federal Election Commission dismiss all complaints in this case due to having no merit for filing and please send me that information back to me as soon as possible. I am going to possibly pursue other legal action against these false claims. Thank you and also I must request these correspondences remain confidential at all times until law makes it necessary.

Sincerely

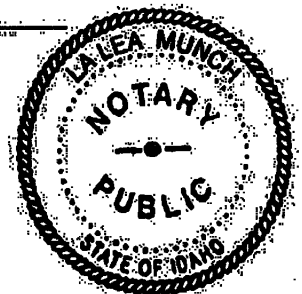

Keith Hutcherson

5/7/2012

Signed and sworn to before me before me, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Idaho on this the 7th day of May 2012.

Notary

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR STATE OF IDAHO
RESIDING AT POST FALLS IDAHO 83854
COMMISSION EXPIRES ON 11-01-2017



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